



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down in June

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 5.4 million tons in June, a decrease of 5.4 percent from 2023. Shipments were 8 percent above the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 19.8 million tons, a near match to the previous year's total. Iron shipments are above their 5-year average by 8.1 percent for the first half of the year.

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: June 2019-2024 and 5-Year Average

Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
Duluth, MN	1,030,836	1,028,637	964,547	515,405	1,120,658	1,120,760	932,017
Superior, WI	1,154,660	621,003	1,374,544	1,276,666	1,472,725	1,211,514	1,179,920
Two Harbors, MN	2,011,123	1,237,334	1,849,425	1,121,048	1,836,255	1,549,993	1,611,037
Silver Bay, MN	613,415	427,803	519,082	291,468	190,095	430,117	408,373
Marquette, MI*	646,124	446,347	666,102	562,558	777,187	802,822	619,664
Cleveland, OH**	149,964	168,379	399,386	124,748	354,271	323,542	239,350
Ashtabula, OH	132,722	90,860	0	0	0	0	44,716
Total	5,738,844	4,020,363	5,773,086	3,891,893	5,751,191	5,438,748	5,035,075

*Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

***Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

Year-To-Date 2019-2024

Port	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
Duluth, MN	3,299,081	3,122,148	3,208,568	2,160,592	3,499,255	3,431,780	3,057,929
Superior, WI	4,131,178	3,207,323	4,762,549	3,839,519	4,850,880	3,978,685	4,158,290
Two Harbors, MN	6,765,237	5,674,773	6,630,395	4,874,410	6,135,912	5,891,306	6,016,145
Silver Bay, MN	1,904,750	1,626,192	1,964,363	712,212	536,769	2,040,483	1,348,857
Marquette, MI*	2,484,623	1,954,568	2,813,645	1,706,723	2,809,626	2,745,353	2,353,837
Cleveland, OH**	1,103,229	1,261,635	1,325,311	491,212	2,023,344	1,756,735	1,240,946
Ashtabula, OH	504,803	340,802	28,553	0	0	0	174,832
Total	20,192,901	17,187,441	20,733,384	13,784,668	19,855,786	19,844,342	18,350,836

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